has to start empty, it is left to the discretion of the owner to avail the next time according to the combined timings given to him and take that advantage. There will be no difficulty for passengers who may be waiting in the intermediate stations. I trust the member will be satisfied with this explanation.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know the interval between the combined timings?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): In some places it may be 15 minutes or 10 minutes, or even 5 minutes. There are some places where the interval will be one hour. The interval differs with different routes.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know who is the authority to issue these combined timings? Is it the Police Commissioner or the Traffic Superintendent?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): The Traffic Superintendent under the supervision and control of the Police Commissioner is authorised to issue timings.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Is there any rule that, if a bus does not run consecutively for one month according to the timings given to it, the G. Permit will be cancelled?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I have already answered.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Is there any notification to say that if the timings granted are not availed of for one month by any particular bus, the G. permit will be withdrawn?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Cammissioner of Police*): The same question is repeated in another form.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Was that notification given effect to temporarily at least?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): Not now.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): How long was that rule in force?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): For a year or so, two years ago.

A. S. P's. and D. S. P's. in the Police Department.

77. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of D.S. P 's. and the number of A.S. P.'s. in the State;

(*b*) the number of years of service they have put in; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any scheme under contemplation by which recruitments are made direct to the A.S. P.'s grade as in British India?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) and (*b*). The member is referred to pages 110 to 112 of the latest edition of the *Quarterly Civil List.*

(*c*) No.

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